**Address to the American People from President John F. Kennedy**

1. **According to President Kennedy, how did the builup of nuclear bases in Cuba constitute an explicit threat to peace and security in the United States and all of the Western Hemisphere?**

According to Kennedy, nuclear bases in Cuba were buildup in Western Hemisphere, first the base was designed for intermediate range ballistic missiles. It’s important for capable for carrying nuclear weapons. Constitutes an explicit threat to the peace and security of all the Americas, in flagrant and deliberate defiance of the Rio Pact of 1974; the traditions of this nation and hemisphere, the joint resolution of the 87th Congress, the Charter of the United Nations. The arms buildup in Cuba would retain its original defensive character.

2**. What did the Soviets claim was the purpose of the missile build‐up in Cuba?**

The Soviets claim the purpose of the missiles build- up in Cuba would retain its original defensive character, and the Soviet Unions had no need or desire to station strategic missiles, on the territory of any other nation. These bases provided a nuclear strike capability against the Western.

**3.What seven steps did the president immediately set in motion in order to halt the missile build‐up?**

a. Build up a strict quarantine on all offensive military equipment under shipment to Cuba is being initiated. All ships of any kind bound for Cuba from whatever nation or port will, if found to contain cargoes of offensive weapons, be turned back. This quarantine will be extended, if needed, to other types of cargo and carriers.

b. Directed the continued and increased close surveillance of Cuba and its military buildup. Had directed the Armed Forces to prepare for any eventualities;

c. regard any nuclear missile launched from Cuba against any nation in the Western Hemisphere as an attack by the Soviet Union on the United States

d. have reinforced our base at Guantanamo, evacuated today the dependents of our personnel there, and ordered additional military units to be on a standby alert basis.

e.  The United Nations Charter allows for regional security arrangements, and the nations of this hemisphere decided long ago against the military presence of outside powers

f. Under the Charter of the United Nations, we are asking tonight that an emergency meeting of the Security Council be convoked without delay to take action against this latest Soviet threat to world peace.

g. call upon Chairman Khrushchev to halt and eliminate this clandestine, reckless, and provocative threat to world peace and to stable relations between our two nations.

**4. What special message did the president give to the “captive” people of Cuba?**

A special message the president gives to captive people in Cuba to whom this speech is being directly carried by special radio facilities. Speak as a friend to them. As one who knows of your deep attachment to your fatherland, as one who shares your aspirations for liberty and justice for all.

**5. What do you think was the intent of this message?**

I think this message was intent the most consistent our character and courage as a nation and our commitments around the world. With the United Nation and people who involved into the missiles; The United States will always need to pay for the freedom. Freedom meant a lot to the citizens.